

Solicitation of Public Comment Proposed Rate Increases for Blue Cross Blue Shield of RI Medicare Supplement Insurance

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Rhode Island ("Blue Cross") has filed with the Office of the Health Insurance Commissioner its proposed rates for standardized Individual Medicare Supplement policies in Rhode Island.

Blue Cross proposes a 5.9% average increase in its rates for these policies. The 5.9% is across Medigap plans A, B, C and F, and on Medicare Select Plans B, C, F and L. The proposed rate increase varies, with a 15.0% change on Medigap Plan A, a 4.4% change for Medigap Plans B, C and F, and 7.5% change for Select Plans B, C and F and 4.4% for Select Plan L. There are 17,689 RI resident subscribers of these policies. Expected loss ratios are as follows:

Medigap Plan A	185.2%
Medigap B	107%
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Medigap C	81.5%
Medigap F	81.1%
Select Plan B	78.3%
Select Plan C	82.1%
Select Plan F	81.6%
Select Plan L	110.2%

How to File Public Comment

OHIC welcomes written public comment regarding this request for a rate increase. Public comment should be received by the OHIC no later than 4:00 PM on Friday, January 29, 2016. To comment on the filing, you may submit written comments to OHIC by United States mail with postage prepaid to:

OHIC 1511 Pontiac Avenue Building #69, first floor Cranston, RI 02920

Attention: Emily Maranjian, Esq., OHIC Legal Counsel

Alternately, comments may be submitted by e-mail to emily.maranjian@ohic.ri.gov

If you have questions regarding this rate request, please email HealthInsIng@ohic.ri.gov